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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No. 026418

Docket No. DRAGO P-86RE / 500354.20005

Applicant(s): Marcello TONCELLI

Serial No.: 09/369,570 Group: 1733

Filed: August 6, 1999 Examiner: J. Aftergut

For: A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF REINFORCED SLABS OF STONE MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action of May 25, 2000 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 8 - 13 and 21 - 38. Please note a Three month Extension of Time was previously filed on November 22, 2000.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- 1. A timely response to the final rejection is attached.
- 2. A Petition for an extension of time to file this Notice, and the fee therefor, for _____ Month(s) is attached.
- 3. Small entity status has been established by a entity declaration submitted on _____.
- 4. Fee \$ 310.00 \$ 155.00 is attached.
- 5. Fee \$ 310.00 \$ 155.00 charge Deposit Account 50-1529.
- 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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Respectfully submitted
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